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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

VIA: Douglas MacEachin
Director, Office of Soviet Analysis

FROM: [REDACTED]
Director, Policy Analysis Division
Office of Soviet Analysis

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SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Oral Presentation

1. [REDACTED] has been asked to present informal remarks on the Soviet view of East-West relations to a Brookings Institution seminar on 18 June 1984. It is the last session this academic year of a monthly Brookings-sponsored series entitled "Washington Area Forum on Soviet Affairs" that was begun in September 1983 to bring together US Government, think-tank, and academic specialists. The sessions are all informal, off-the-record, and kicked off with a brief presentation by one of the participants. SOVA officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been "core group" members of this group since its inception.

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2. Request approval for [REDACTED] to present remarks following the attached outline. He will of course confine them to unclassified material, and I am confident that his comments will not involve the Agency in any controversy. He is an overt Agency officer and will be identified as a CIA employee, and as usual, the group will be told that his remarks do not represent official Agency or US Government views. In order to enable him to confirm his availability to Brookings, request response by COB 7 June.

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I have reviewed the attached request and with the understanding that the presentation will be unclassified, approve it.

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Soviet View of East-West Relations Five Years After SALT II

I. Key Soviet Perspectives

- A. Correlation of forces
 - 1. From optimism toward pessimism
 - 2. From intercontinental to medium range focus
 - 3. Trends: 1979 vs 1984
- B. Main Adversary - United States
 - 1. Harshness toward incumbent President, '80 and '84
 - 2. State of relationship: from "unsatisfactory" to something worse
 - 3. Defense policies--long-term or transitory?
 - 4. Is downturn in relations cyclical or linear?
- C. European Battleground
 - 1. East Europe intrudes - Poland
 - 2. West Europe stiffens - internal as well as NATO changes pose challenge

II. Domestic Political Dimension

- A. Brezhnev era stability in 1979
 - 1. Long-time team of seniors in place
 - 2. Importance of foreign policy to them
- B. Brezhnev's decline coincides with downturn in East-West relations -- 1980 - 1982
 - 1. Kosygin and Suslov depart
 - 2. Andropov and Chernenko arrive
- C. Andropov interlude -- 1982 - 1984
 - 1. Unsettling drive against corruption
 - 2. INF and US policies dominate Andropov's E-W policy
- D. Chernenko succeeds -- 1984
 - 1. Relations with military
 - 2. Place of foreign policy on his agenda?
 - 3. Gromyko and Ustinov more powerful?
 - 4. Fathers and Sons?

III. Soviet Behavior

- A. Detente remains policy
 - 1. Is it as central? Has it paid off?
 - 2. Is it only for Europe?
 - 3. Is anyone's political career dependent on it?
 - 4. What expectations for it?

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- B. Negotiations
 - 1. Slowness in acting--put off rather than face?
 - 2. Leave the table re bilateral talks with US
 - 3. Threats carried out
- C. Confidence
 - 1. Can international isolation of USSR be avoided?
 - 2. Is international situation "dangerous" to USSR?
- D. Outlook
 - 1. No initiatives in 1984
 - 2. Can foreign affairs be put on back burner?
 - 3. Lowered expectations
 - 4. Shift to "European" issues (CDE, MBFR)?
 - 5. Is there a Soviet strategy for E-W relations?

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